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FOR SHINN FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. RE PARA ONE STATE 204303, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING THROUGH MARK THAT THAT POSITION FILLED BUT OTHERS WILL CERTAINLY BE AVAILABLE. PAY IS GOOD AND LIVING CHEAP. HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US SOON.
2. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PREPARATIONS FOR CODEL LEGGETT MAY BE FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS. WE SPOKE WITH THE OFFICE OF FISHERIES AFFAIRS (STORER) EVENING OF AUGUST 15, WHO AT THAT POINT WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER ANY US TRAVEL AGENT HAD BEEN ASKED TO SEND REQUEST FOR RESERVATIONS TO INTOURIST. (AT THAT TIME STORER HAD NOT SEEN MOSCOW 19179, SENT IMMEDIATE ON AUGUST 11.) WITH THE CODEL'S ARRIVAL SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 21, TIME IS GETTING VERY SHORT, EVEN THOUGH MINFISH HAS SAID IT WILL SUPPORT CODEL'S TRAVEL REQUEST WITH INTOURIST. (EMBASSY OF COURSE IS CONSTRAINED BY UPDK 10 DAY RULE.) PLEASE SEE WHERE THINGS STAND AND, IF NECESSARY, STEP IN TO GET THINGS MOVING ASAP. MINFISH GAVE US A PRELIMINARY PROGRAM (SEPTTEL) ON
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AUGUST 15; HOWEVER, MINFISH IS STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER INTOURIST HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY US TRAVEL AGENT.

3. RE PARA 3 STATE 204303, DAO RECOMMENDS AND EMBASSY AGREES THAT THEY NOT BE INVITED AT ALL, AND THAT THE POINT BE CLEARLY MADE THAT THEY ARE NOT BECAUSE THE TRIP INCLUDES VISITS TO MILITARY UNITS AND

INSTALLATIONS, VISITS WHICH ARE CONSISTENTLY DENIED TO
US MILITARY ATTACHES IN THE USSR.

4. TO BILL FARRAND: COULD YOU OR ONE OF YOUR CRONIES
CHECK INTO THE VISA PROBLEM OF ARCHITECT ALEXIS POPOV,
WHOM FBO HERE NEEDS URGENTLY. APPLICATION FOR POPOV,
WHO HAS OFFICIAL PASSPORT, WAS SUBMITTED TO SOVIET
ASSY, WASHINGTON, FOR VISA ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 1.
YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER RETALIATION FOR THIS
CLEAR VIOLATION OF 3-5 DAY RULE.

5. OUR CURRENT PROBLEM IN THE CONSULAR LOBBY HAS
CAUSED US TO THINK OF TRYING TO DESIGN INTO OUR NEW
CHANCERY FEATURES THAT WOULD MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY
OF SUCH OCCURRENCES. ONE POSSIBILITY IS CREATION OF
AN INTERNAL MARINE GUARD CONTROL STATION THROUGH WHICH
EVERYONE ENTERING EMBASSY WOULD HAVE TO PASS AND BE
SCREENED. ANOTHER IS DESIGNING SEPARATE FACILITIES
IN THE CONSULAR LOBBY FOR AMERICANS AND NON-AMERICANS
WITH FURTHER MEANS OF FUNNELLING WOULD-BE ASYLUM SEEKERS
INTO ISOLATED PARTITION. THESE ARE JUST OUR INITIAL
THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT. GENE BALLARD SAID THAT HE
THOUGHT THAT WE HAVE ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF TO
MODIFY EXISTING PLANS BEFORE IT WOULD CREATE MAJOR
PROBLEMS TO DO SO. HE HAS AGREED TO PASS OVERLAYS
OF BUILDING PLANS FOR US TO WORK WITH. WOULD BE
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GRATEFUL ALSO IF YOU COULD GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO THE
PROBLEM. AS SOON AS OUR CONCRETE PROPOSALS ARE READY,
WE'LL PASS THEM ON TO YOU. TOON

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